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SUBJECT: FINAL SESSION, ITU PELNIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE, OCT 25.

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1. SUMMARY: FINAL SESSION ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY ENDED FOLLOWING EXTENSIVE DEBATE OF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION GUINEA-BISSAU, ADMISSION TO ITU CONFERENCES OF LIBERATION MOVEMENT REPS, APPROVAL OF FINAL BUDGET DOCS FOR 1974 - 1979, AND SITE OF NEXT PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE. CONVENTION SIGNED BY U.S. REP. AND U.S. ALTERNATE REP. END SUMMARY.

2. MUCH OF FINAL SESSION TAKEN UP WITH EXTENSIVE DEBATE ON GUINEA-BISSAU APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND GUINEA PROPOSAL THAT CONFERENCE SIMPLY ADMIT GUINEA-BISSAU TO MEMBERSHIP FORTHWITH IGNORING ARTICLES 1 AND 19 OF MONTREUX. USREP MADE STRONG INTERVENTION NOTING ILLEGALITY OF PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION AND CALLING FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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OBSERVANCE OF RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF MONTREUX. USSR,

ON OTHER HAND, PROPOSED THAT CONFERENCE TERM GUINEA-BISSAU AS SUCCESSOR MEMBER OF PORTUGUESE OVERSEA PROVINCES BY DEVOLUTION AND ADD NAME TO ANNEX 1 (MEMBERSHIP LIST) OF NEW CONVENTION. GUINEA AND USSR PROPOSALS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY 54 AFRICAN, ASIAN AND EASTERN EUROPEAN MEMBERS. U.S. INSISTENCE ON FULFILLMENT SPECIFIC PROCEDURES IN MONTREUX CONVENTION SUPPORTED BY WEO'S, WITH FRG POINTEDLY NOTING THAT GUINEA-BISSAU'S REQUEST HAD SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED ITS APPLICATION BE CONSIDERED UNDER ARTICLES 1 AND 19 OF MONTREUX. CHAIRMAN THEN ADJOURNED PLENARY FOR MEETING WITH STEERING COMMITTEE WHICH AGREED ON CONSENSUS RESOLUTION STRICTLY MAINTAINING PROVISIONS OF ARTICLES 1 AND 19 BUT SPECIFYING THAT IN CONSULTATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES PER ARTICLE 1 OF MONTREUX, COPIES OF CABLES FROM GUINEA-BISSAU AND RECORD OF PLENARY DEBATE THIS ITEM BE INCLUDED. PLENARY ADOPTED CONSENSUS RESOLUTION WITHOUT VOTE.

3. DRAFT RESOLUTION ON LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TABLED BY GUINEA WAS NEXT ITEM FOR DEBATE. RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE HAD LIBERATION MOVEMENTS "JOIN" ITU AS "MEMBERS WITH OBSERVER STATUS". USREP INTERVENED AS PER REFTEL. NEW ZEALAND REP PROPOSED DELETION OF IDEA OF "JOINING" ITU, AS WELL AS IDEA OF "MEMBERSHIP WITH OBSERVER STATUS". AS SUBSTITUTE, NEW ZEALAND PROPOSED TO ALLOW LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN ITU AS OBSERVERS. SEVERAL REPS, INCLUDING U.S., POINTED OUT NEITHER MONTREUX TEXT NOR PRESENT TORREMOLINOS TEXT PROVIDED FOR SUCH OBSERVERS. NONETHELESS CHAIRMAN GAVELLED THROUGH THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED "BY ACCLAMATION", THUS LEAVING UNRESOLVED THE INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN GUINEA RESOLUTION AND MONTREUX AND TORREMOLINOS TEXTS.

4. PLENARY ADOPTED WITHOUT VOTE DOCUMENT CONTAINING ITU BUDGET FOR 1974-1979. MAIN PROVISIONS INCLUDE:
A) MAINTENANCE OF CURRENT THREE PERCENT LIMIT ON REGULAR BUDGET INCREASES AS PER MONTREUX AND B) 1974 BUDGET OF SWISS FRANCS 41,600,000, AS AGAINST PROVISIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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FIGURE OF 40,032,000 RECOMMENDED BY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL IN MAY 1973. THIS REPRESENTS UNIT INCREASE OF ABOUT SF 3,200, RATHER THAN OVER SF 10,000 AS ORIGINALLY FORESEEN BY SECRETARIAT AND MARKS SIGNIFICANT VICTORY OF U.S., UK AND SOVIET DELS TO KEEP BUDGET INCREASES TO MINIMUM IN FACE STRONG LDC PRESSURES TO SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE UNION EXPENDITURES, PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATING TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. FINAL DOC. NOW IN PREPARATION

AND MEMBER OF USDEL WILL HAND CARRY COPY TO
DEPARTMENT ON OCTOBER 29.

5. BY ACCLAMATION CONFERENCE ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE
OFFER BY KENYA TO HOST NEXT PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE
IN NAIROBI, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF SUBSEQUENT
ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY SYG AND ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL.

6. CONVENTION WAS SIGNED BY USREP AND U.S. ALTERNATE REP. ON
OCTOBER 25. PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS, US TERRITORIES REP DID NOT
SIGN.
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